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Serial No : 10/061,963  
Filing Date : February 2, 2002  
Title : JOINT BETWEEN JOINT FACES OF TWO COMPONENTS  
(As Amended)

Attached please find the following:

- 1) Response to the Restriction Requirement  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 13, 2003, Applicant hereby  
elects to prosecute claims 1-23 and 24, drawn to a joint between two components and such  
component, respectively.

Additionally, Applicant requests that the title be amended to reflect the subject matter of  
the elected claims to read as follows:

--Joint Between Joint Faces of Two Components--

Respectfully submitted,  
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